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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR DIVISIONAL

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the remarks and entry of the amendment set forth herein. This preliminary amendment is filed with the transmittal papers for a divisional application under 35 U.S.C. §121 of United States Patent Application Serial No. (U.S.S.N.) 09/486,199, filed February 22, 2000.

The following documents also are enclosed herewith:

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Replace the title as filed with the following new title:

A 1 --METHODS OF STIMULATING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM--

On page 1, after the title on line 1, under the heading, insert:

A 2 --CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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The present application is a divisional application of United States Patent Application Serial No. (USSN) 09/486,199, filed February 22, 2000, now ^{U.S. Patent No. 6,432,452} pending, which was filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 based on PCT/AU98/00656, filed on August 19, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority to Australian Application No. PO-8640, filed August 19, 1997. These applications are explicitly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and for all purposes.--

In The Claims:

A 3 Please cancel claims 1 to 32, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

A 4 --33. A method of stimulating the immune system, the method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound, wherein the compound is derived from an extract from the sap of a species of *Euphorbia*, wherein the compound

(a) is extractable from the *Euphorbia* sap in the presence of about 95% v/w ethanol,

(b) has cell inhibiting or retarding activity which is neither destroyed by acetone nor by heating at about 95°C for about 15 minutes, and